GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:298
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2011
ONGOING METRO RAIL PROJECTS
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing metro rail projects in different States;

(b) the status of the construction work and the time by which the different phases of these metro rails are likely to be completed;

(c) the number of accidents at metro sites and the number of people who lost their lives in these accidents alongwith the reasons for such accidents, metro rail-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure that the accident rate is minimised while executing metro rail projects in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 298 FOR 23.08.2011 REGARDING ONGOING METRO RAIL PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): As given at Annexure.

(d): There is a statutory framework for safety during construction like Building and Other Construction Workers (DBOCW) Act and Rules of relevant state. In addition, Central Government has enacted the Metro Railways (Construction of Works) Act, 1978 and the Metro Railways (Operation & Maintenance) Act, 2002 wherein special provisions have been made for Metro Railway Safety and Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety.
2. Since most of the construction works of Metro Rail Projects are being handled through Contractors, the provisions of Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) are also being incorporated in the works contracts, themselves. The compliance of these statutory and contractual requirements at work sites is responsibility of the contractor. The same is monitored by Project implementing Agency through their site engineers and safety team from the corporate office.
3. Each work contract provides for a team of qualified SHE professionals. Each contractor is also required to appoint an external agency (approved by the concerned project implementing Agency) to undertake External Safety Audit.
4. Safety experts of General Consultants regularly visit construction sites to monitor the compliance of safety requirements.
5. The outputs from all of the above auditing and inspection activities are recorded and tracked and performance is monitored by metro safety team located with project implementing Agency.